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## **The Council of Seventy.**

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Professor James S. Riggs will give, in connection with a course of lectures under the direction of the Young Men's Christian Association of Albany, N. Y., a lecture upon "The Battle over the New Testament," at what points it is now on, and what has been won. Professor Riggs is also devoting much time to the apocalypse, believing that the book has been pushed off the minister's study table by false methods of interpretation.

Professor Edward I. Bosworth, of Oberlin, O., is giving, in addition to his regular seminary work, a twenty-hour course in the teaching of Jesus every Tuesday evening before the Cleveland Young Men's Christian Association. This is the third year he has carried on such work there. He will also conduct, this winter, ten studies in the life and teaching of Jesus in the Elyria Congregational Church.

Professor F. K. Sanders, of Yale University, is giving a course of ten lectures in Messianic prophecy under the auspices of the King's Daughters of Stamford, Conn. About one hundred and fifty persons are attending these lectures. Professor Sanders is also lecturing on Old Testament history at Vassar College every Sunday evening, and is conducting a weekly class in Old Testament literature in New Haven. The latter class is under the auspices, though outside, of Yale University, and is composed of fifteen teachers.

Professor Thomas F. Day, of the San Francisco Theological Seminary, is to give before the Students' Bible Class of the First Congregational Church of Berkeley two lectures on the apocalyptic literature (Daniel and the Revelation), and a third lecture, on the foregleams of the incarnation, in an extension course in San Francisco.

President George S. Burroughs, of Wabash College, is preparing a new translation of the book of Amos and expects to publish it the coming year. The work is prepared from a literary and historical point of view, and will contain an introduction, notes, and discussions of the most important points. It is designed primarily for a biblical classic for private use and for secular schools and colleges.

The following are the results of the prize examinations conducted by the Institute in March, 1896. The candidates represented fifty-eight colleges, one hundred and nineteen taking the examination in New Testament Greek and sixty in the English Bible. Many of the papers showed that some excellent teaching of the Bible is in progress in the college world. The first prize in New Testament Greek is awarded to Mr. Fred T. Tapscott, McMaster University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and the second prize to Mr. Arthur William Ryder, of Harvard University.

Both of the prizes in the English Bible are awarded to Yale University, the first to Mr. Edgar L. Hermance, and the second to Mr. Murray S. Howland, both members of the class of '97. The next examinations will take place in March, 1899.

The editorials in this number of the BIBLICAL WORLD discuss the fundamental principles upon which Sunday-school teaching should be based. These principles are such as can be carried into the home department of a school in a forceful way. Here almost more than in the main school, however, the need of good material for study is essential—first because of the absence of a teacher, and, second, because the study period may be extended according to the pleasure and convenience of the student. The Institute has arranged a scheme of courses on the life of Christ (the topic of the International Lessons for 1898), which will accommodate itself to the home student, whether he is able to devote much or little time to his study. These courses, widely introduced, would give a fine foundation and great incentive to Bible study in the home, and the influence would be felt in the continual transfer of students from the home study department to the regular school.